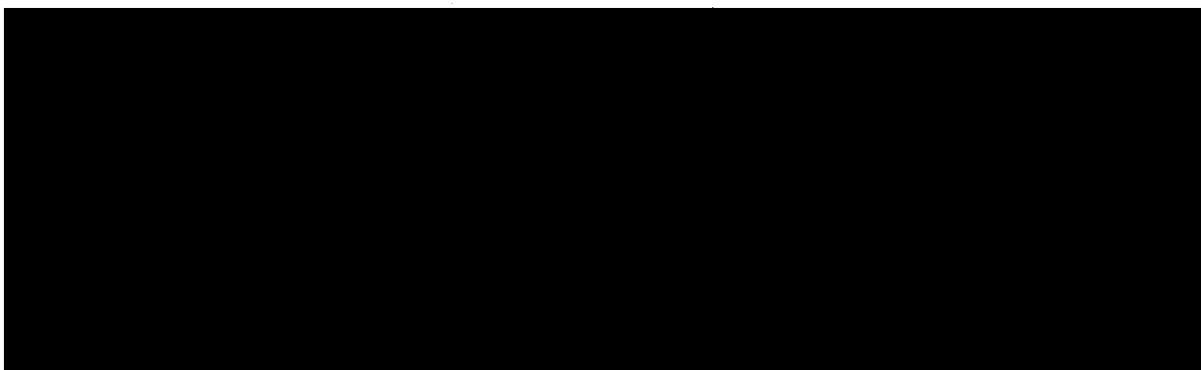




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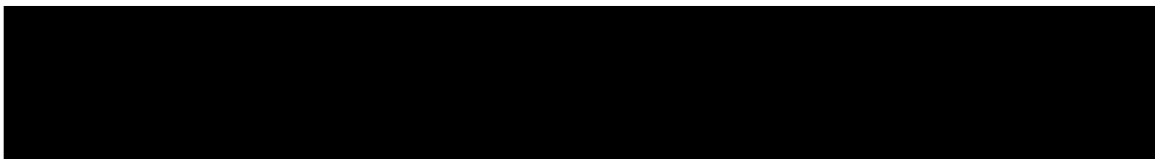
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Damages: Total.

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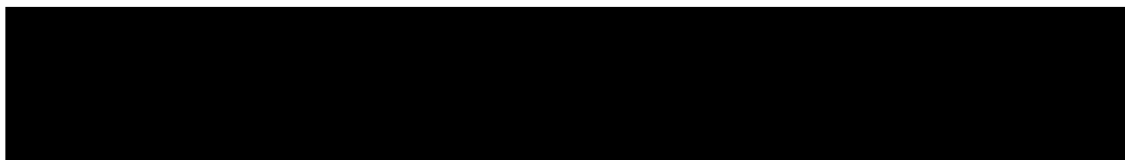


Passenger: None.

Injuries: None.

Damages: Right Front (Major)

STATINTL



Passenger: None.

Injuries: None

Damages: Left Front (Minor)

1. INCIDENT: At approximately 0830, 3 May 1972, Vehicle #1 was proceeding south on MD Rt 32, approaching the intersection of Dennis Rd and MD Rt 32 (see exhibits A, B, F, H). Vehicle #2 was proceeding north on MD Rt 32 approaching the intersection of Dennis Rd and MD Rt 32 (see exhibits A, B, F, M). Vehicle #1, upon reaching the above

intersection, attempted to make a left turn from MD Rt 32 onto Dennis Rd (see Exhibits A,B,F,H). Vehicle #2 at this point collided with Vehicle #1, sending Vehicle #1 in a turning motion toward the westbound lane of Dennis Rd, colliding with Vehicle #3 (see Exhibits A,B,F,H,I,J,K,L,M). Vehicle #3 was stopped on the westbound lane of Dennis Rd at the YIELD sign, awaiting oncoming traffic from the northbound lane of MD Rt 32 (see Exhibits C,F,I,K).

2. WITNESS STATEMENT SUMMARIES:

STATINTL (a) [REDACTED] witness at the scene, states that he was proceeding south on MD Rt 32, in his vehicle. He approached Dennis Rd and MD Rt 32, coming to a stop in the center lane of MD Rt 32, behind two other vehicles, with the intent to turn left onto Dennis Rd. Brown states that he and the two other vehicle operators were stopped, yielding the right of way to the oncoming Vehicle #2. Brown noticed Vehicle #1 proceeding south on MD Rt 32, in the left lane. Vehicle #1 passed Brown on the left and attempted to make a left turn onto Dennis Rd, being struck by Vehicle #2 and sending Vehicle #1 in a circular motion into Vehicle #3, which was stopped at the YIELD sign on the westbound lane of Dennis Rd (see Exhibits A,F & H for (a) of 2).

STATINTL (b) [REDACTED] witness at the scene, states that she was proceeding south on MD Rt 32, in her vehicle. She approached Dennis Rd and MD Rt 32, coming to a stop in the center lane of MD Rt 32, behind one other vehicle, with the intent to turn left onto Dennis Rd. White noticed Vehicle #1 proceeding south on MD Rt 32, in the left lane, which attempted a left turn onto Dennis Rd, not yielding the right of way to the oncoming Vehicle #2, and colliding with Vehicle #2, sending Vehicle #1 in a circular motion into Vehicle #3, which was stopped on the westbound lane of Dennis Rd at the YIELD sign (see Exhibits B & F & H for (b) of 2).

(c) The operator of the vehicle in front of White was not identified and therefore no statement exists.

STATINTL (d) [REDACTED] civilian, 268-12-9948, witness, operator of Vehicle #3, stated that he had come to a stop, in the westbound lane of Dennis Rd, at the YIELD sign, at the intersection of Dennis Rd and MD Rt 32. He stated that he was yielding to oncoming vehicles in the northbound lane of MD Rt 32, therefore coming to a complete stop, prior to attempting entry onto the northbound lane of MD Rt 32. Boring heard Vehicle #1 and Vehicle #2 collide, and saw Vehicle #1 approaching him in a circular motion. (See Exhibits C,D,F,I for (d) of 2.)

STATINTL (e) [REDACTED] civilian, 213-40-7172, witness, operator of Vehicle #2, stated that he was proceeding north on MD Rt 32, approaching the intersection of MD Rt 32 and Dennis Rd. He noticed three vehicles stopped in the center lane of southbound MD Rt 32 yielding to his right

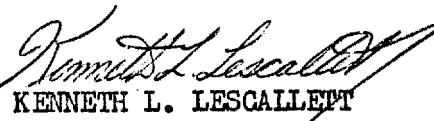
of way. He then saw Vehicle #1 cross in front of him attempting a left turn onto Dennis Rd. Wanner attempted to avoid collision. (See Exhibits E, F, M for (e) of 2.)

3. CONCLUSION:

25X1A (a) [REDACTED] had come to a full stop with the flow of traffic, 25X1A intending a left turn onto Dennis Rd from MD Rt 32. They witnessed Vehicle #1 failing to give the right of way to Vehicle #2. [REDACTED] had come to a complete stop at the YIELD on Dennis Rd, giving right of way to oncoming traffic. [REDACTED] and Boring had noticed the oncoming traffic from the northbound lane of MD Rt 32, approaching Dennis Rd, and had come to a full stop prior to their respective turn. The operator of Vehicle #1 was the only individual not yielding the right of way during the incident. Vehicle #1, with no regard to Vehicle #2, attempted a left turn onto Dennis Rd from MD Rt 32. Vehicle #2, seeing that all traffic had stopped, yielding to him the right of way, attempted to proceed, when Vehicle #1 turned in front of Vehicle #2. Vehicle #2, using good judgement and being cautious, noticed the turn of Vehicle #1 and attempted to avoid collision. The damage shown in Exhibit G proves that Vehicle #1 swerved to the left to attempt to avoid collision. Damage was made to Vehicle #2's front right and side right showing a swerve to the left to avoid collision.

(b) The operator of Vehicle #1 was negligent in the act of failing to yield to Vehicle #2 and of causing death to the passenger of Vehicle #1, which was an immediate result of this act. [REDACTED] assuming them to be reasonably prudent individuals of sound mind, came to a stop to yield the right of way to Vehicle #2. The operator of Vehicle #1, not acting as [REDACTED] proceeded with his 25X1A STATINTL turn onto Dennis Rd, causing the above incident.

4. EXCEPTION: Skid marks could not be determined because of a wet surfaced road due to rain during the morning.


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